GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:904
ANSWERED ON:23.11.2000
CONTRACT TO RELIANCE ENRON BY ONGC
DINESH CHANDRA YADAV;RAM JEEVAN SINGH

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any files relating to important deal with the Reliance Enron, joint venture, is missing;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any enquiry has been conducted in this regard;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the action taken against the guilty officials by the Government in the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SH. SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) &(b): Central Bureau of Investigation has intimated that a Preliminary Enquiry (PE) was taken up by them on the allegation of favour caused to the consortium of Reliance-Enron in the award of Panna Mukta oil field. Before registration of the PE, a part II file of the complaint was opened in CBI and this part II file was found missing.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) & (e): During the enquiry, it was found that part II file was destroyed by Sh. Murli S. Iyanger, the thenComplaint Clerk of CBI, Mumbai at the instance of Sh. Y. P. Singh, the then Superintendent of Police, CBI, MumbaiRegular departmental action for major penalty was recommended against both S/Shri Murli S. Iyanger andY. P. Singh. A punishment of reduction in pay by two stages for a period of five years has been imposed on Sh. Murli S. Iyanger after the completion of the departmental proceedings.A charge memo has been issued against Sh. Y. P. Singh by the Government of Maharashtra as a first step towards conducting departmental proceedings.